Action Plan for the Developwent ot Backward Districts of Madhya Pradesh

6830. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATlON be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have initiated any action plan for the overall development of backward districts of Madhya Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THIS MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTA-TION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The Action Plan for the overall development of backward areas for the State is part of the package of total development plan of the State. Sectoral Investment Proposals have been so formulated as to ensure faster development of such areas. Programmes relating to development of basic infrastructure both economic and social have been accorded highest priority. Besides outlay earmarked under tribal sub-plan and special component plan are specifically being utilised for the development of these backward areas which are predomiiiatory inhabited by the weaker sections (SC|ST) of the population.

Grant sanctioned to Gujarat for 1985-96

6831. SHRIMATl ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Mi-nister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION he pleased to state:

(a) the amount *of* grant sanctioned to the State of Gujarat for the financial year 1995-96;

(b) the details thareof; and

(c) out of the total grant the amount allocated so tar to trioal and backward areas for their development in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) An outlay of Rs. 2610 crores has been decided for the Annual Plan 1995-98 of Gujarat.

(b) and (c) The sector-wise details of the outlays for the Annual Plan 1995-98 of Gujarat have not been finalised so far.

Delayed public sector projects

6832. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PLAN NING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether It is a fact that ove Rs. 10,000 crores is required to keep alive delayed public sector projects

(b) which projects will be gives priority in getting the required in vestment; and

(c) the details of any guideline formulated by Government for it vestment in such delayed projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE 0 THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AN PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIO (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): 0 to (c) As on 1.1.95, out of 336 ce tral projects costing Rs. 20 crores at above monitored by the Departme of Programme Implementation, 1 projects are delayed with respect their latest approved date of commi stoning. The cost of these projc has gone up from the latest apprc ed cost of Rs. 59896.07 crores to *J* 83476.03 crores. The comulatlve e penditure on these 181 projects as 1.1.95 is of the order of Rs. 46747 crores which leaves a balance